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A	Biomaterials, volume 23, 2002, Pirkka Mäkelä et al: "Strength retention properties of self-reinforced poly L-lactide (SR-PLLA) sutures compared with polyglyconate (MaxonR) and polydioxanone (PDS) sutures. An in vitro study", pages 2587-2592 --	1-11

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